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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT No. 2,

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Aug. 25th, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS

The troops of this command will be in readiness to move at a hour's notice—ample time for preparation having been allowed, and everything necessary having been promptly supplied, the General trusts the movement will be made with that alacrity and regularity which can alone inspire confidence.

The enemy is before us, devastating our fair country—imprisoning our old and venerated men—even the ministers of God—insulting our women, and descerating our altars. It is our pround lot to be assigned the duty of punishing and driving forth these deluded men, led by desperate adventurers and goaded on by abolition demagogues and demons. Let us but deserve success and an offended Deity will certainly assure it. Should we be opposed we must fight at any odds and conquer at any sacrifice. Should the foe retire we must follow him rapidly to his own territory, and make him taste the bitters of invasion.

Soldiers! the enemy is before you, and your banners are free. It is for you to decide whether our brothers and sisters of Tenuessee and Kentucky shall remain bondmen and bondwomen of the abolition tyrant, or be restored to the freedom inherited from their fathers.

By command of Gen. BRAGG.

GEORGE G. GARNER,

A. Adj't Gen'l.

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